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### **STATE GUIDANCE**

**To:** All Child Nutrition Programs  
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**Subject:** Ninth Release of the Child Nutrition (CN) Database  
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The ninth release of the Child Nutrition Database (CN9) was made available on March 16, 2005. The new release is available to computer software companies who develop the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved Nutrient Standard Menu Planning Software Programs, for the purpose of updating their existing software. The CN9 release contains over 2,500 new or revised items for a total of 15,595 food items, including about 12,500 processed foods.

The ninth release can be downloaded from the Healthy School Meals Resource System website at <http://schoolmeals.nal.usda.gov/Software>. This web location also contains the *System Components and File Formats* document that defines the structural design of the CN9 Database. Please note that all of the USDA Recipes have been updated. The update includes the addition of five new recipes (D-30A Vegetable Pizza, D-52 Vegetable Quesadilla, E-24 Hummus, F-06B Vegetable Stromboli, and F-09 Vegetable Wraps) and the removal of two recipes (C-34 Baked Bananas and F-9 Gyro).

The CN9 Database is an integral part of both the Nutrient Standard and Assisted Nutrient Standard Menu Planning Systems. We expect the USDA approved software companies to incorporate the CN9 Database into their software and distribute the new version of the software to their current users. Anyone who does not receive an update should contact his or her software company. Please contact your State Team at (415) 705-1336, if you have any questions or if you determine that a software company is not updating their software to include the new CN9 Database by June 16, 2005.

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